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Inventors: Perrot et al

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Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
AN EXTENDED LIFE SPUTTER  
TARGET ASSEMBLY AND  
PRODUCT THEREOF

Examiner: R. McDonald

**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action issued June 16, 2006. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A Notice of Appeal has been filed on December 15, 2006 along with a three-month extension of time. A petition and authorization for an additional one-month extension of time is attached making this Amendment due on March 15, 2006. An Appeal Brief is filed concurrently herewith.

**Claim Amendments** appear on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** appear on Page 5 of this paper.

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